

REMARKS

Claims 13-32 are pending. Claims 1-12 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter described therein. Claims 1-12 were not canceled in view of the cited references. Claims 13-32 have been added. Support for new Claims 13-32 is included in at least paragraphs [0034] – [0104] of Applicant's specification and the corresponding figures. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the pending Claims is respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the Claims and the following remarks.

Objection to the Specification

The title was objected to as non-descriptive. Applicant has amended the title, and respectfully requests entry of the amendment to the title and withdrawal of the objection to the specification. Applicant has also made voluntary amendments to the specification to correct typographical errors. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments to the specification since no new matter has been added.

Objection to the Claims

Claim 1 was objected to in view of the terms "the user" and "the transmitting apparatus." Applicant has canceled Claim 1 rendering this rejection moot.

The Claim Rejections pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, and 12 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in view of the combination of U.S. Patent No. 6,842,773 to Ralston (hereinafter "Ralston"), and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0015554 to Wilson (hereinafter "Wilson"). In addition, Claims 2, 5, and 10 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over the combination of Ralston, Wilson, and common knowledge in the art. Further, Claims 8 and 9 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in view of the combination of Ralston, Wilson and U.S. Patent No. 6,581,072 to Mathur et al. (hereinafter "Mathur"). Finally, Claim 11 was rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in view of the combination of Ralston, Wilson and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0243844 A1 to Adkins (hereinafter "Adkins")¹. Claims 1-12 have been canceled rendering these rejections moot. Applicant respectfully requests examination on the merits of new Claims 13-32 since these claims are patentable over the cited references.

¹ It is noted that page 10 of the office action does not specifically identify the obviousness rejection of Claim 11 as being based on the combination of Ralston, Wilson and Adkins, however, each of the references is mentioned in the rejection of Claim 11, and the Adkins reference is cited in the PTO-892 attached to the office action.

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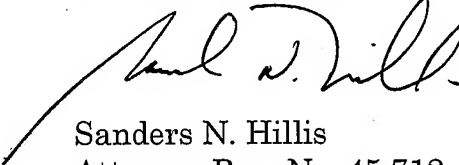
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In view of the amendments to the Claims, the application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem a telephone conference to be beneficial in expediting examination and/or allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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